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Application No.: 10/532,251

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

After the foregoing Amendment, Claims 1 – 9 are currently pending in the application. Claims 1 – 9 have been amended. Support for the amendments is found in the (substitute) specification at paragraphs [0012]; [0025]; [0026] and in the Figure (5, 5', 24, 25). Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced into the application by the amendment.

Examiner Interview

The undersigned and inventor, Christoph Weis, conducted an in-person interview with the Examiner and the Examiner's Supervisor, Len Tran at the U.S.P.T.O. on April 28, 2009. During the interview, amendments to the claims were discussed in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. US 2002/0129442 to Weber. Additionally, a sample of the claimed aerator turning tool and a segment of an armature in which it fits were demonstrated and discussed with the Examiner. An agreement was reached with respect to claim 1 and is reflected in the above amendment.

The undersigned and inventor, Christoph Weis, wish to thank the Examiner and Supervisor Tran for the courtesies extended during the interview. If the Examiner believes that a further interview, either telephonically or in person, will help to resolve any potential issues in connection with this application, the

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Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

Allowable Subject Matter

The Examiner is also thanked for indicating that claims 6, 7 and 8 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103(a)

Claims 1 – 5 and 9 were rejected under U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Publication No. 2002/0129442 to Weber.

Applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

Claim 1, has been amended in accordance with language agreed upon during the interview that distinguishes over the prior art. Claim 1 currently recites an aerator turning tool, for turning a jet regulator, a nozzle, an intermediate holder, a flow regulator, a non-return valve, or a similar plumbing fitting. The fitting, at an opening side, is held detachably in a plumbing water outlet armature by a screw connection or bayonet connection. The aerator turning tool is placed in a rotationally fixed manner on the plumbing fitting held in the water outlet armature. The aerator turning tool has a profiling or contouring on an end face side, which is placed in a rotationally fixed manner on a mating profiling or mating

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contouring provided on an outlet end face of the fitting held on the water outlet armature.

Claims 2 – 5 and 9 are dependent upon claim 1, and are therefore likewise allowable.

Based on the amendment to claim 1 above, that includes the language discussed and agreed upon during the interview, the claim now differentiates over Weber and withdrawal of the U.S.C. § 103(a) rejection of claims 1 – 5 and 9 is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

If the Examiner believes that any additional minor formal matters need to be addressed in order to place this application in condition for allowance, or that a telephone interview will help to materially advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone at the Examiner's convenience.

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In view of the foregoing amendment and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application, including claims 1 – 9, is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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